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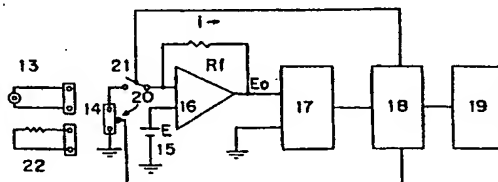
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(54) **Quantitative analysis method and its system using a disposable sensor.**

(57) A sensor 13 is inserted into a connector 14. A constant voltage required to obtain a response current is applied across the connector 14 by a voltage applying source 15 at timings required. A response current of the sensor 13 inserted into the connector 14 is converted into a voltage by a current-to-voltage converter 16, and the amount thereof is determined by a microcomputer, the analysis results being displayed onto a display unit.

Fig. 4



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2. claims 7-9
Means for an analysis system to work

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